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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

The Applicants have amended claims 1, 9, 13, and 17. Claims 3, 10, and 14 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11-13, and 15-19 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicants gratefully acknowledge the conditional allowance of claims 3, 10, and 14. In paragraph 20 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 3, 10, and 14 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but stated they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Rather than amending claims 3, 10, and 14, the Applicants have incorporated the allowable limitations of claims 3, 10, and 14 into base claims 1, 9, and 13, respectively. Therefore, the allowance of claims 1, 9, and 13 is respectfully requested.

3.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

In paragraphs 2-3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 17-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ejzak, et al. (US 6,781,070). The Applicants have amended claim 17 to include the allowable limitations that were incorporated into claims 1, 9, and 13 (i.e., the servlet APIs and servlet manager). Thus, the architecture of claim 17 now includes a plurality of servlet Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) operable to provide a plurality of supplementary user services, and a servlet manager interfaced with the plurality of servlet APIs and with the application-specific logic blocks, the manager being operable to provide selected ones of the supplementary user services to any one of the application-specific logic blocks.

The Applicants respectfully submit that if claim 17 had been presented with a dependent claim reciting the servlet APIs and the servlet manager, the dependent claim would have been indicated as reciting allowable subject matter. No such dependent

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claim was presented, but the Applicants have added the same subject matter to amended claim 17. Therefore, the allowance of amended claim 17 is respectfully requested.

Claims 18 and 19 depend from amended claim 17 and recite further limitations in combination with the novel and unobvious elements of claim 17. Therefore, the allowance of claims 18 and 19 is respectfully requested.

5.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In paragraphs 7-8 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11-13, 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ejzak in view of Faccin, et al. (US 2002/0120729). Claims 3, 10, and 14 have been canceled. The remaining claims have been amended as indicated by the Examiner in paragraph 20 to be allowable.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable limitation of claim 3. (In a telephone conference, the Examiner indicated the limitation of intervening claim 2 was not required in the independent claim.) Therefore, the allowance of amended claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Claims 2 and 4-8 depend from amended claim 1 and recite further limitations in combination with the novel and unobvious elements of claim 1. Therefore, the allowance of claims 2 and 4-8 is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 9 has been amended to incorporate the allowable limitation of claim 10. Therefore, the allowance of amended claim 9 is respectfully requested.

Claims 11 and 12 depend from amended claim 9 and recite further limitations in combination with the novel and unobvious elements of claim 9. Therefore, the allowance of claims 11 and 12 is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 13 has been amended to incorporate the allowable limitation of claim 14. Therefore, the allowance of amended claim 13 is respectfully requested.

Claims 15 and 16 depend from amended claim 13 and recite further limitations in combination with the novel and unobvious elements of claim 13. Therefore, the allowance of claims 15 and 16 is respectfully requested.

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6.) Prior Art Not Relied Upon

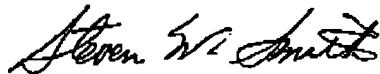
In paragraph 22 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to the Applicants' disclosure. However, the Applicants' reading of these references has not revealed any teaching or suggestion of the claimed invention.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants believe all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11-13, and 15-19.

The Applicants request a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,


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